

ENEMY THREATENS FLANK MOVEMENTS FROM MATZ RIVER

French Continue Their Gains In Marne Sector Taking Prisoners and Guns; Slaughter Appalling

NEW YORK, June 13.—(Associated Press)—Inflicting such losses on the enemy as have never before been known in warfare the French continue to offer a resistance to the enemy which yesterday was impregnable except at one point, where, to avoid being outflanked and cut off and for the protection of a division they fell back in good order and without the enemy becoming aware of the retiring movement for a distance ranging from a mile and a half to two miles and a half. This was on the East side of the Oise in the Aisne sector. In the Marne sector the French countered heavily and secured gains of ground, guns and prisoners in the same region where their counter on Tuesday secured for them more than a thousand prisoners.

POSITION UNTENABLE

It was the taking by the Germans of the village of Melicoque on the south bank of the Matz, to secure which thousands upon thousands of lives have been sacrificed within the past two days, and the adjacent heights that caused the French retirement. This was made necessary to prevent a flanking movement and to protect a division of the French army which was put into jeopardy by its advantageous position that was secured.

In the night official communiqué issued in Paris the retirement is reported. This statement says that on the east side of the Oise the French forces were withdrawn along a line extending from Baille to Tracy la Val and Nampoe, the enemy being unaware of the movement.

Throughout Tuesday night and yesterday the fighting in the Aisne sector had continued with unabated fury. Attack was hurled upon attack by the Huns, their forces advancing time and again over fields that were deep with their own dead. In most instances these attacks were repulsed but the enemy finally secured a foothold on the southern bank of the Matz, where they occupied the village of Melicoque and the adjacent heights, seriously threatening a French salient. This made the position of the line defending the west bank of the Oise precarious because the Germans then held hills to the westward and were seriously threatening to outflank the French forces. Thus withdrawal was necessary unless the troops defend ing the threatened salient were to be cut off.

FRENCH PUSH FORWARD

In the Marne sector and French continued their successes of Tuesday making further gains of ground, prisoners, cannon and machine guns. This advance carried them further forward around Belley and St Maur. These gains extended along a front of more than seven miles. Four hundred prisoners were taken besides can non and a number of machine guns.

The recapture of Montcourt and a part of Bussières to the north of the Marne is also told in the French official reports of the day. Capture of 13,000 prisoners since the beginning of the present phase of the offensive is claimed from Berlin. The night official report said that the French had evacuated Carl pont on the east bank of the Oise and the German forces had advanced along that line, commenting on the same retirement which is mentioned in the French despatches.

The retirement of the French to the east bank of the Oise saves a portion of the forces and technically strengthens the position of that army to some extent but the battle remains in a critical stage in that sector. At all other points along the great battle line the French have held their own or made gains, London reporting a successful French raid in the vicinity of Soissons.

Along a great front the battle flamed throughout Tuesday night, yesterday and last night with military critics agreeing that a few hours may determine the victory in the present great conflict on the French front. Henry Bidou, the French military critic, was one of those who said that the day's fighting might determine the outcome of the battle.

COMBAT IS SANGUINARY

Tuesday night there was heavy fighting between Montdidier and the Oise, said the Paris day official. The night fighting and the early morning attacks resulted in small changes of positions. Yesterday morning the French left flank made progress in the region of Mery and Cenlis Wood and that progress was continued through out the day. Near the center and along the Aronde road violent attacks were made by the Teutons but these were repulsed. Repeated failures met the enemy efforts to debouch along the south bank of the Matz River until they at length secured their foothold in and about Melicoque which occasioned the withdrawal that has been mentioned.

In the early morning the Germans began other assaults that extended along the south of the Aisne.

Between Soissons and the Marne the Germans also attacked with fury, the engagement beginning with the dawn.

Between Villers Cotteret and the river the fighting also continued heavy.

Speaking to the Reichstag General von Stein, Prussian minister of war asserted that the "great part of the French army has been defeated and the so called Foch reserves no longer exist."

WANT GORGAS KEPT

VAST MILLER ESTATE

AFTER AGE LIMIT

MAY SOON BE SEIZED

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.—(Associated Press)—Collector Justus War at it announces that he will seize the \$40,000,000 estate of Henry Miller to meet straits in federal inheritance taxes. Justice Dillingham has dismissed the action which was brought by the heirs to prevent the collection of the tax upon the estate.

Wardell maintains that six years ago Miller made over his vast properties to his heirs for the express purpose of avoiding the payment of United States inheritance taxes and that the action should be dismissed in anticipation of his death.

Miller, 76, is the largest holder of real estate in the world, it is claimed. He has come into the country to meet his agents with the plan of acting as his own attorney in the firm of Miller and sons and needs it handled.

Labor Is Told of Confidence Nation Has In It

PRESIDENT SAYS EFFORTS OF ENEMY HAVE BEEN FUTILE TO STIR UP STRIKES AND ROUSE CLASS DIS-SENSIONS

Saint Paul, Minnesota, June 13.—(Official)—In telegrams to officers of the American Federation of Labor, now holding its annual session here, President Wilson expresses his confidence in the organized labor of the country. In part the President said:

"This nation can face the crucial months that are ahead of us with confidence. We are assured that intriguants can never divide our country through the creation of industrial quarrels and by working upon class distinctions. These troubles the enemy has tried diligently to foment, fortunately without success in the past and certainly without any hope for success in the present.

GERMANS ALARMED BY YANKEE OFFENSE

HURL MORE DIVISIONS AGAINST AMERICANS IN EFFORT TO RECOVER GROUND SEIZED

WASHINGTON, June 12.—(Associated Press)—It is now evident that the Germans are taking seriously the move of the American thrust northward from Chateau Thierry report London despatches. They have already used six divisions unsuccessfully attempting to win back the positions they captured. Two fresh German divisions were hurled against the Americans at Bourges this morning in another attempt to recapture the salient.

American artillery aided in a frenzied counter attack on the south of Montdidier but otherwise the Americans are not engaged in the post-Marne-Soussons battle.

The French government has besieged Marne-Soussons on ninety-two American divisions of courageous gallantry shown on the front.

Today's casualty list from France outrages the nation of fifteen Americans killed in action, nine who died of wounds, one by an airplane, and seventeen by other accidents, eighteen of diverse, fifty-nine severely wounded and six wounded to a degree not yet determined. One is missing.

The Americans' casualties are fifteen.

Placed in action, two dead of wound and four severely wounded and two of others wounded.

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